

(1) assist the commission with developing, implementing, or evaluating the program; and

(2) prepare a report on the results and outcomes of the grants awarded under this chapter.

(b) A member of a program work group established under this section is not entitled to compensation for serving on the program work group and may not be reimbursed for travel or other expenses incurred while conducting the business of the program work group.

(c) A program work group established under this section is not subject to Chapter 2110.

Sec. 541.007. REPORT TO GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE. Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the commission shall submit a report to the governor and members of the legislature regarding the activities of the program and grant recipients, including the results and outcomes of grants awarded under this chapter.

Sec. 541.008. RULES. The executive commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement this chapter.

Sec. 541.009. SPECIFIC APPROPRIATION REQUIRED. The commission may not spend state funds to accomplish the purposes of this chapter and is not required to award a grant under this chapter unless money is appropriated for the purposes of this chapter.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2017, the Health and Human Services Commission shall establish and implement the pediatric tele-connectivity resource program for rural Texas authorized by Chapter 541, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2018, the Health and Human Services Commission shall provide the initial report to the governor and the legislature as required by Section 541.007, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 6, 2017: Yeas 140, Nays 5, 1 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1697 on May 19, 2017: Yeas 141, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 12, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 26, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**PRESENTATION OF THE INVESTMENT POLICY OF CERTAIN
GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO A BUSINESS ORGANIZATION
THAT CONDUCTS INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS FOR THE
ENTITY**

CHAPTER 149

H.B. No. 1701

AN ACT

relating to the presentation of the investment policy of certain governmental entities to a business organization that conducts investment transactions for the entity.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Sections 2256.005(k) and (l), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(k) A written copy of the investment policy shall be presented to any *business organization* ~~[person]~~ offering to engage in an investment transaction with an investing entity ~~[or to an investment management firm under contract with an investing entity to invest or manage the entity's investment portfolio]~~. For purposes of this subsection and Subsection (l), "*business organization*" means an ~~[a business organization includes]~~ investment pool or ~~[pools and an]~~ investment management firm under contract with an investing entity to invest or manage the entity's investment portfolio *that has accepted authority granted by the entity under the contract to exercise investment discretion in regard to the investing entity's funds*. Nothing in this subsection relieves the investing entity of the responsibility for monitoring the investments made by the investing entity to determine that they are in compliance with the investment policy. The qualified representative of the business organization offering to engage in an investment transaction with an investing entity shall execute a written instrument in a form acceptable to the investing entity and the business organization substantially to the effect that the business organization has:

(1) received and reviewed the investment policy of the entity; and

(2) acknowledged that the business organization has implemented reasonable procedures and controls in an effort to preclude investment transactions conducted between the entity and the organization that are not authorized by the entity's investment policy, except to the extent that this authorization:

(A) is dependent on an analysis of the makeup of the entity's entire portfolio;

(B) ~~[or]~~ requires an interpretation of subjective investment standards; or

(C) *relates to investment transactions of the entity that are not made through accounts or other contractual arrangements over which the business organization has accepted discretionary investment authority.*

(l) The investment officer of an entity may not acquire or otherwise obtain any authorized investment described in the investment policy of the investing entity from a *business organization that* ~~[person who]~~ has not delivered to the entity the instrument required by Subsection (k).

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a contract for an investment transaction entered into with a business organization under Chapter 2256, Government Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A contract entered into before the effective date of this Act is subject to the law in effect at the time the contract was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 20, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 12, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 26, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

JURISDICTION OF THE TEXAS SUPREME COURT

CHAPTER 150

H.B. No. 1761

AN ACT

relating to jurisdiction of the Texas Supreme Court.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Sections 22.001(a), (b), and (c), Government Code, are amended to read